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SUBJECT: LORENZ KIDNAPPING, TERRORISM THREAT, AMERICAN
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1. AT A RECENT HIGH LEVEL MEETING IN THE FOREIGN OFFICE
THE AMBASSADOR WAS INFORMED OF SOME ADDITIONAL DETAILS
CONCERNING THE LORENZ KIDNAPPING CASE. THESE DETAILS
WERE PROVIDED WITH A STRONG NEED FOR THE UTMOST SECRECY
IN THE HANDLING OF THIS INFORMATION. THE PERTINENT

POINTS WHICH MAY CONCERN THE SAFETY OF USG OFFICIALS ARE
SET FORTH.

A. THE VIEW OF THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT IS THAT
THE ANARCHIST GROUP INVOLVED IN THE LORENZ CASE
CONSIDERS THIS TO BE A TEST CASE WHICH, IF IT SUCCEEDS
WILL BE FOLLOWED BY OTHER KIDNAPPING ATTEMPTS IN THE
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FRG OR WEST BERLIN, PERHAPS WITHIN THE NEXT

FEW DAYS. THE OBJECT WOULD BE TO OBTAIN THE RELEASE OF OTHER ANARCHIST PRISONERS AND TO STRIKE CONTINUING BLOWS AT THE PRESTIGE OF THE STATE. THAT SUCH PLANS FOR ADDITIONAL KIDNAPPINGS EXIST IS KNOWN. AS SOON AS LORENZ IS EITHER FREE OR HIS FATE DECIDED, THE FRG AND WEST BERLIN AUTHORITIES WILL, OF COURSE, TAKE ALL EXTRA PRECAUTIONS POSSIBLE.

B. MASSIVE POLICE ACTION IS BEING PREPARED FOR THE PERIOD AFTER THE FATE OF LORENZ IS DECIDED, BUT THERE IS GENUINE CONCERN THAT THIS MAY BE ONLY THE BEGINNING OF A SERIES OF KIDNAPPINGS DIRECTED AT OTHER PROMINENT POLITICIANS OR PERSONALITIES IN EITHER THE FRG OR WEST BERLIN.

2. COMMENT: IN VIEW OF THE SERIOUSNESS WITH WHICH THE ABOVE MENTIONED PLANS ARE TAKEN, UTILIZING THE FULLEST DISCRETION POSSIBLE, ALERT ALL POTENTIAL AMERICAN TARGETS IN YOUR CONSULATES TO BE PARTICULARLY OBSERVANT AND CAUTIOUS, ESPECIALLY THROUGH THE NEXT FEW WEEKS.

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